(b) The yearwise outlay and expenditure incurred by Madhya Pradesh on Major and Medium Irrigation Projects during the last 5 years are as under:

(Amount in Rs. Crores)

Year	Outlay	Expenditure
1994-95	362.60	366.58
1995-96	270.60	316.66
1996-97	441.54	337.13
1997-98	352.13	375.47
1998-99	425.85	462.85(ant)

(c) The details regarding yearwise percentage of agricultural land irrigated by Government means out of total agricultural land in the State is not maintained in the Ministry of Water Resources.

Utilisation of Irrigation Capacity

†206. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gap between irrigation capacity and its utilisation has increased from 1992 to 1998;

(b) if so, what was the difference during each year from 1992 to 1998;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the work pertaining to construction of various projects was started by Government to enhance the utilisation of irrigation capacity; and

(d) if so, the total number thereof and the number of those projects completed out of these projects during the period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) The gap between Irrigation Potential Created and its Utilisation from 1992 to 1998 is as under:

(in Million hectare)

At the end of (Years)	Irrigation Potential Created (IPC)	Irrigation Potential Utilised (IPU)	Gap between IPC and IPU Cols.(2)–(3)
1991-92	81.09	72.85	8.24
1992-93	82.69	74.36	8.33
1993-94	84.25	75.72	8.53
1994-95	85.99	77.49	8.50
1995-96	87.92	79.31	8.61
1996-97 (Provisional)	89.56	80.76	8.80
1997-98 (With Target figures for 1997-98)	91.40	83.06	8.34

(c) and (d) To enhance the utilisation of created irrigation potential, Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme is in operation in the irrigation commands of 227 irrigation projects spread over 23 States and 2 UTs. Under the programme, On Farm Development (OFD) activities for development of field channels, construction of field drains, land leveling and shaping and enforcement of warabandi are being

implemented. Progress of these activities during the period 1992—98 is as under:

(in million hectares)

OFD Activities	Progress during 1992—98
Warabandi	2.95
Field channels	2.08
Field drains	0.24
Land leveling & shaping	0.12

Decrease in the level of ground water

207. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ground water level is decreasing in Delhi steadily;

(b) if so, the present state of ground water level; and

(c) the steps taken to check the decrease in the ground water level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Long term observations made by the Central Ground Water Board have shown that ground water levels have declined by 4 to 10 metres in Mehrauli Block, 4 to 8 meters in City Block, 4 to 7 metres in Najafgarh Block and 4 to 5 metres in Kanjhawala and Alipur Block of Delhi during last 10 years.

(c) The steps taken by the Union Government to check the declining trend in ground water include:—

(1) Constitution of Central Ground Water Authority under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for regulation and control of ground water management and development. The Authority has been holding periodical meetings to, *inter-alia,* advise the State Governments to take suitable measures to check over-exploitation in view of decline in the level of ground water and